

Wanted: Educators to serve on the ISTAR Cut Score Setting Committee

When: December 8-9, 2009

Where: Indiana Department of Education

What:

- The Indiana Department of Education is conducting a *cut score setting* for the ISTAR assessment (Matrix version released in Spring 2009).
- Participants will recommend “cut scores” (***Pass*** and ***Pass+***) for Academic Competence and Independent Functioning.
- Participants will also draft *Performance Level Descriptor* language for each grade cluster in Mathematics, English/Language Arts, Science and Social Studies.

Superintendents and Special Education Directors are invited to nominate special education teachers and/or administrators with a deep understanding of Indiana’s academic standards as assessed in the ISTAR system to serve as participants on the Cut Score Setting Committee.

Please submit nominations via survey, **no later than Thursday, November 12, 2009**, using the following website:

<https://ican.doe.state.in.us/beta/nomination.php>

We will e-mail nominees directly, inviting them to submit additional information if they wish to be considered as a participant on the ISTAR Cut Score Setting Committee.

Additional Details:

The committee, comprised of approximately 75 educators representing students throughout Indiana, will meet on **December 8-9, 2009**, in Indianapolis.

- We will provide lodging for teachers living at least 50 miles away.
- Teachers will be reimbursed the \$6.50 state per diem for lunch.
- Teachers spending the night will be reimbursed the \$13.00 state per diem for dinner.
- Teachers will be reimbursed for round trip mileage at the state rate in addition to parking.
- Corporations will be reimbursed for substitute teachers, if applicable.

Questions?

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Karen Stein, ISTAR Alternate Assessment Specialist, by calling 317-234-2377 or via email [<kstein@doe.in.gov>](mailto:kstein@doe.in.gov).